

[17th August 1960]

Protected Water-supply Scheme

* 221 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any scheme for the provision of protected Water-supply under the National Water-supply and Sanitation Scheme for the guinea-worm affected areas in Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes.

(b) Proposals submitted by the Board of Revenue in this regard are under examination.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know the details of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As it is, priority is given when water-supply facilities are afforded to villages affected by guinea-worm. In the Third Five-Year Plan Rs. 69.4 lakhs have been earmarked for giving water-supply to the guinea-worm affected villages, 682 villages under the Comprehensive Scheme and 18 villages under the National Water-supply Scheme.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know whether the amount of Rs. 69.4 lakhs allotted for the eradication of guinea-worm disease is for Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks or for the whole State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Udayarpalayam and Perambalur cannot consume such a large amount. It is for the whole State. The villages in Udayarpalayam and Perambalur taluks will come under that.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know how many villages in these taluks have been taken into consideration and are going to be provided with protected water-supply?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : All the villages affected by this disease in that area will be taken into consideration.

* 222 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any petition, dated 10th May 1960 for the provision of protected water-supply was received from the villagers of Ayyappaanaickanpettai in Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No petition has been received by the Government. The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has, however, reported that a mahazar petition, dated 10th May 1960 from the villagers of Ayyappaanaickanpettai has been received by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur.

(b) The Revenue Divisional Officer visited the village on 30th June 1960. He is taking necessary action to provide good drinking water to the villagers.